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SUBJ: FILM AND VTR PROGRAMS

1. IMV POLICY OFFICER ZUCKERMAN AND PAO HELD HIGHLY USEFUL CONSULTATIONS ON POST'S FILM AND VTR POTENTIAL BASED ON POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED BY RECENT PAO-GDR CONTACTS. SPECIFIC ITEMS COVERED WERE CLASSIC FEATURES, TARGETTED VTRS, GDR-TV PLACEMENT, INAUGURAL FILMS AND AMERICAN FILM WEEK.

2. CLASSIC FEATURES: UNTIL RECENTLY, HAPHARZARD AND SPORADIC, AVAILABILITY LIST TO BE UPDATED FOR MORE STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING BEGINNING IN SPRING FOLLOWING MOVE TO NEW CHANCERY.

3. VTRS: TARGETTING WILL BE FOCUSSED EVEN FINER WITHIN NARROW LIMITATIONS THIS POST. IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPMENT VTR MATERIALS IN NEW LIBRARY, DISCUSSIONS WITH INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL

RELATIONS OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN STUDIES EVOKED WILLINGNESS VIEW ON REGULAR BASIS VTRS CONCERNED WITH USG TRANSITION AND OTHER DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY AREAS. SPORT AND CULTURE ARE OTHER AREAS WHEREIN POSITIVE RESPONSE HAS BEEN REGISTERED.

4. GDR-TV: AN INITIAL WILLINGNESS BY TV OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER THEMES OF LEAST CONTROVERSY, E.G. SCIENCE, SPACE, POSSIBLY HUMAN INTEREST, POINTS TO POSSIBILITY PLACEMENT OF SCIENCE REPORT AND VISIONS, WITH NO ILLUSIONS OF BREAKTHROUGH. EVENTUALLY, THE HIGHLY PROMISING CENTURY THREE SERIES AND THE UPCOMING
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REFLECTIONS APPEAR BE LIKELY CANDIDATES AT LEAST FOR SCREENING AND

DISCUSSION. MAJOR FIRST STEP MUST BE EXPOSURE TO TV STAFF OF WIDE SPECTRUM MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT NO COST.

5. INAUGURATION: IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPENING NEW CHANCERY, IT WAS AGREED AIRSHIP FILM SWEARING IN AND INAUGURAL ADDRESS ON URGENT BASIS FOR POSSIBLE USE IF CHANCERY OPENING CEREMONY FOLLOWS CLOSELY. AS LIBRARY AND AUDITORIUM OPERATIONS BEGIN, RELATED FILMS WILL BE PROGRAMMED IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

6. US FILM WEEK: APPROVED BY THE GDR AND SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH-EARLY APRIL, THE RETROSPECTIVE OF AMERICAN FILMS WAS DISCUSSED RELATIVE TO THEME AND CONTENT AND PARTICIPATION OF MAJOR FILM DIRECTOR. DISCUSSION NOW OVERTAKEN BY STATE 300406, AND WILL BE TREATED IN SEPTEL.

7. POST WISHES EXPRESS APPRECIATION OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECT EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH SUCH KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICER AS ZUCKERMAN. ALL OF FOREGOING WILL BE PURSUED FURTHER DURING PAO'S AGENCY CONSULTATION JANUARY 17-19.POLANSKY

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